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### **Boston labor law conference examines changes at NLRB, DOL**

*Board Member Mark Gaston Pearce a featured speaker at Oct. 21 event*

The National Labor Relations Board, the Department of Labor and Suffolk University Law School will present an afternoon conference on October 21, cosponsored by bar associations of Boston, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, exploring the significance of new appointments at the labor institutions.

The event, [New Directions and New Faces at the NLRB and the DOL](#), will feature a presentation from NLRB Member Mark Gaston Pearce focused on the Agency's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Member Pearce was recess-appointed to the Board by President Obama in late March 2010, and was confirmed by the Senate in June for a term that expires in 2013.

Patricia Smith, who was confirmed as the Department of Labor's Solicitor of Labor in February of this year, will speak about new initiatives at the DOL. Their presentations will be followed by a panel discussion on the potential for change at both institutions, featuring Professor Samuel Estreicher, of New York University Law School; Lynn Rhinehart, General Counsel at the AFL-CIO; Jeremy Sherman, Esq., of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago; and Monica Halas, Esq., Greater Boston Legal Services, UAW 2320.

The full event runs from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will be held at the Suffolk University in Boston. There is a small registration charge and CLE credit is available. For an agenda and to register, please click [here](#).

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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